

27 March 1951

TO: ☐ ☐
FROM: ☐ ☐
SUBJECT: Accidental Meeting with Dr. Hrynioch

1. The undersigned arrived at the Pittsburgh Airport last night approximately 10:45 PM, to board a plane for Washington, D.C., scheduled to leave Pittsburgh at 11:15 PM. As the undersigned entered the main building at the airport, a friend approached him and exchanged greetings. The friend told the undersigned that he wanted him to meet a very important Ukrainian figure who was leaving Pittsburgh. The friend was Dr. John Hrynioch, who had been in Pittsburgh to participate in a radio broadcast and to give a lecture before the Ukrainian-Americans of the Western Pennsylvania district. The friend told the undersigned that Dr. Hrynioch was a leading figure in the resistance movement.

2. Dr. Hrynioch seemed overjoyed that he would be traveling with a companion with whom he could exchange conversation.

3. After we boarded the plane the undersigned attempted to gain the confidence of Dr. Hrynioch, asking him, specifically, what he was doing in Pittsburgh and where he was staying in Washington. He stated that he had participated in a radio broadcast in Pittsburgh, and, following the broadcast, he gave a lecture before a group composed of Ukrainians of the Pittsburgh area. He stated that while in Washington he was staying with his brother, Father Stephen Hrynuck, rector at the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary.

4. Following idle conversation of approximately 20-minute

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duration, during which the undersigned voiced interest in the Ukrainian situation, ^{Dr.} Hrynioch spoke in general terms of the activity of the Ukrainian underground. He spoke of his activity from 1941, when he was forced into clandestine activity because of the German police activity. He mentioned that since 1945, he has been operating beyond the border limits of the Ukraine in behalf of the Ukrainian resistance movement. He said that he has been in this country several months, touring cities that have a great Ukrainian element, specifically mentioning Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, New York, Detroit, Chicago, and in Canada, Winnipeg and Ottawa. He said that he wanted to spend several days of leisure, and that today (March 27, 1961) he was leaving for Florida. Following his brief vacation he would conclude his lecture tour within two weeks, then, to return to Europe.

5. When Dr. Hrynioch was convinced that the undersigned was interested in the Ukrainian situation he opened his brief case and produced several pieces of Ukrainian literature, a book of music, containing songs heralding and honoring heroes of the UPA movement, several photostated copies of art, dramatically depicting the insurgent movement in the Ukraine, and several photostated copies of Ukrainian currency. He asked if the undersigned knew, possibly, where these items might have been printed. The undersigned casually mentioned that perhaps they originated among the Ukrainians in Germany. Dr. Hrynioch was highly elated to be able to say that these came directly from the Ukrainian underground and that several of the pieces were original. Dr. Hrynioch did not specifically mention that these items were used by him to document his lecture tour.

6. The undersigned praised Dr. Hrynioch's ability to speak English (in connection with the broadcast) but, very modestly Dr. Hrynioch replied that the English text spoken by him during the course of the broadcast was prepared in advance by someone other than himself, and that his English-speaking ability was very limited. The undersigned then mentioned that Dr. Hrynioch's English had a trace of French accent. Here, Dr. Hrynioch said that he spent some time in Paris, during the course of his education for the priesthood. He mentioned further that as a result of his training for the priesthood he studied in Holland, in Italy, and Germany, thereby, he was able to converse, read, and write, in a limited capacity, German, French, Italian, and naturally, several Slavonic tongues, including Polish, Russian, Czechoslovak, ^(Native) and Ukrainian. (?)
7. Father Stephen Hrynuk ^(C) and Father Khaus, spiritual director at the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, met Dr. Hrynioch at the National Airport and accompanied him for his overnight stay.